

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Kikuo MAEDA et al. : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**  
Serial No. NEW : Attorney Docket No. 2004\_0446A  
Filed March 24, 2004 :  
ROLLING BEARINGS

---

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO REDUCE PTO FILING FEE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.